

Mount Vernon
Fairfax County, Virginia

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Addendum to
Mount Vernon
.2 mile south of Mount Vernon
Memorial Highway, at inter-
section with State Route 235
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY Fairfax	TOWN OR VICINITY Mount Vernon
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Mount Vernon		HABS NO. VA-505
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) .2 mile south of Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, at intersection of State Route 235		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) begun ca. 1730	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Originally home of Augustine Washington, George Washington's father, it became the first president's home from 1754 until his death in 1799. Became the object of America's first successful nationwide preservation effort when restored by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union in 1858.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Georgian		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame; beveled-edged wood siding resembling rusticated stonework		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 96' (9-bay front) x 32' (not including portico; 2½-story; hipped roof with octagonal cupola; 2-story portico with 8 square pillars extending width of east front CONTINUED		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Modillion cornice; modillion cross gable with elliptical lunette on the west front; entrance doorway with architrave frame supporting a frieze and pediment; Palladian window on north facade		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Center-hall plan; notable interior trim and ornamental plaster decoration		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES When first begun, ca. 1730, was 1½-story house. Enlarged to 2½-story 1758-59; south end extended 1775; north end extended 1776; east portico completed 1777; west cross gable completed 1778; octagonal cupola added 1787; restored 1858.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition excellent; used as historic house museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) The Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey Virginia Catalog</u> . 1976. A National Historic Landmark		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Druscilla J. Null, HABS	DATE 8/1/83	

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (Continued)

1½-story dependencies connected to main house by quarter circle covered arcades; notable brick and frame outbuildings forming complete plantation complex; notable landscaping and gardens.

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